

## Message Text

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ACTION VO-03

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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3473

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FOR EUR/SOV AND VO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CVIS UR US BTRA

SUBJECT: SOVIET TOURISTS

REF: STATE 211492; MOSCOW 13363 AND 12913

1. AMERICAN EXPRESS MOSCOW OFFICE WAS ONLY ABLE TO CONFIRM SPONSORSHIP OF SOVIET GROUP ON OCTOBER 25; MOSCOW 13363 WAS DISPATCHED TO DEPARTMENT SAME DATE.

2. EMBASSY HAS LONG UNDERSTOOD DEPT WISHED EMBASSY TO DISPATCH BASIC INFORMATION CONTAINED IN INITIAL MFA NOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT DEPT COULD LAUNCH NAME-CHECK PROCESS AT EARLIEST MOMENT. DEPT AND POST HAVE LONG AGREED THIS IS BEST POLICY BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN EXTRACTING ADEQUATE INFORMATION FROM MFA AND SOVIET SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS. AMERICAN EXPRESS OFFICE MOSCOW HAS OF COURSE SAME DIFFICULTY VIS-A-VIS INTOURIST. FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION THIS PROBLEM DEPT IS REFERRED TO MOSCOW 10209 (OCT. 5, 1972) AND REFERENCES THEREIN.

3. IN INSTANT CASE, HAD EMBASSY AWAITED AMEXCO MOSCOW CONFIRMATION BEFORE TAKING ACTION, DEPT WOULD HAVE RECEIVED LISTS OF SOVIET TRANSIT PASSENGERS OCTOBER 25

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INSTEAD OF OCTOBER 5, ONLY TWO WORKING DAYS BEFORE

SCHEDULED FLIGHT.

4. SINCE AUTHORIZATION RECEIVED ON WEEKEND, VISAS  
BEING ISSUED MONDAY OCT 29 (SEE MOSCOW 12913).  
DECON 12/31/77  
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